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HB620

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Testimony for WAM on Mar 30, 2017 13:40PM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Audrey Tamashiro-Kamii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am writing as a concerned citizen of Maui Nui in regarding HB 620. Please support funding for KIRC staff positions and additional general operational funding for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 in order for the KIRC to continue the management and restoration of Kaho`olawe. Without this funding, the KIRC will not be able to retain its highly trained and effective staff, continue its innovative restoration programs or keep the island of Kaho`olawe open for safe, escorted public access. Any lapse in funding will set back operations and years of conservation and restoration work will be lost. Please vote in support the KIRC funding. Mahalo.

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March 29, 2017

Person Submitting Testimony: Hannibal E. Starbuck

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Hearing on Thursday, March 30, 2017, 1:40 PM Room 211

Subject: HB620 SD1-- Relating to Kaho'olawe

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Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB620 SD1. Funding is necessary for the efforts of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to continue. To call Kaho'olawe a special island is an understatement. Virtually every person I have known to have visited the island has been moved in one way or another. Personally, I have been to Kaho'olawe 4 times, having travelled as a paddler in an outrigger canoe for part or all of the crossings to and from Maui each of these times. My parents were members of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana since the early eighties and have gone over so many times I have no idea how many. Other family members have been over there as well. Even though the island has been damaged by grazing of animals and desecrated by bombs, it has a world to offer. It is a living classroom for navigation and Hawaiian culture. As a high school science teacher I recognize precious examples of unique meteorology, oceanography, and geology on and around the island. Please allow KIRC to continue their stewardship by securing substantial funding through this bill. Imua na pua lanakila Kaho'olawe.

Mahalo,

Hannibal E. Starbuck

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frances O Reilly	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Although I live in Washington state, I come to Hawaii every winter for at least a month and have for the last 22 years. I truly treasure my time in your very unique land and culture, but one of the most meaningful times I have had was a trip to Kaho'olawe with a school group helping to clear and replant some of the uplands. The wonderful part of the trip, aside from getting to know the school kids from Volcano, was the heritage component, which was included in the trip: some of the workers spent a lot of time showing us historical sites, explaining the meaning and past use of the locations (keala i kahiki, for example). It has been several years since I was there, but I treasure all of the memories and feel that the trip really deepened my understanding and experience of the Hawaiian culture. I feel that it is critical to continue both the restoration and the cultural exploration aspects of KIRC and ask that you continue the funding for that very valuable group. Thank you, Frances O'Reilly

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